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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS
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Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the above-identified application on April 13, 1998.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the European publications are submitted herewith. ω

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents,

99 9-29-9 Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an Englishlanguage version indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan, P.L.L.C., Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/44173).

Respectfully submitted

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